

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A portable stage system adapted for towing by a tow vehicle, the system comprising:
 - a chassis portion having a pair of ground engaging wheels and a pair of vertically spaced apart decks including a generally planar upper deck and a lower deck, the pair of decks defining a cargo space therebetween for storing and transporting cargo, the chassis portion presenting a chassis width dimension; and
 - at least one generally planar wing deck operably coupled to the chassis portion, the at least one wing deck being selectively shiftable between a first favored position adjacent and substantially coplanar with the upper deck of the chassis portion and a second favored position for towing wherein the system presents a towing width dimension, the towing width dimension being equal to or less than the chassis width dimension.
2. The portable stage system of claim 1, further comprising at least one selectively deployable accessory item.

3. The portable stage system of claim 2, wherein the at least one selectively deployable accessory item is selected from the group consisting of a guardrail, a railing, a stair, a canopy, and a modular stage component.
4. The portable stage system of claim 2, wherein the at least one selectively deployable accessory item is adapted to be stowable in said cargo space.
5. The portable stage system of claim 1, wherein the lower deck has a plurality of tie-down structures for securing cargo.
6. The portable stage system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of closure panels for enclosing the cargo space.
7. The portable stage system of claim 1, further comprising a hitch on the chassis portion for coupling the stage system to the tow vehicle.
8. The portable stage system of claim 7, wherein the hitch portion is selectively operably positionable in a first extended position wherein the hitch portion is projecting forwardly from the chassis portion and in a second retracted position wherein substantially all of the hitch portion is disposed under the lower deck of the chassis portion.

9. The portable stage system of claim 1, wherein the chassis portion has a plurality of selectively operably positionable leveling jacks for supporting and leveling said stage.
10. The portable stage system of claim 1, wherein the chassis portion has a plurality of leveling indicators for determining whether said stage is disposed in a level condition.
11. The portable stage system of claim 1, wherein the at least one wing deck has a plurality of selectively positionable support legs operably attached thereto.
12. The portable stage system of claim 11, wherein each of the plurality of support legs includes means for adjusting the length of the support leg.
13. The portable stage system of claim 1, further comprising means for attaching at least one modular stage component to the system.
14. The portable stage system of claim 1, wherein the stage includes a second wing deck operably coupled to the chassis portion, the second wing deck being selectively shiftable between a first favored position adjacent and substantially coplanar with the upper deck of the chassis portion and a second favored position for towing wherein the system presents a towing width dimension, the towing width dimension being equal or less than the chassis width dimension.

15. The portable stage system of claim 1, wherein the upper deck and the at least one wing deck are at least partially covered with an anti-slip material.

16. A mobile stage trailer adapted for towing by a tow vehicle, the trailer comprising:

a chassis having a pair of vertically spaced apart decks including an upper deck and a lower deck, the chassis presenting a chassis width dimension;

a hitch assembly operably coupled with the chassis for selectively coupling the trailer with a tow vehicle;

at least two ground engaging wheels operably coupled with the chassis; and

a pair of wing decks operably coupled with the chassis, each wing deck selectively positionable in a first favored position adjacent the upper deck of the chassis portion wherein the upper deck and the pair of wing decks together present an upwardly directed surface for performances, each wing deck being further selectively positionable in a second favored position for towing wherein the system presents a towing width dimension, the towing width dimension being equal to or less than the chassis width dimension.

17. The mobile stage trailer of claim 16, wherein the hitch assembly is selectively operably positionable in a first extended position wherein the hitch assembly is projecting forwardly from the chassis and in a second retracted position wherein substantially all of the hitch assembly is disposed under the lower deck of the chassis.

18. The mobile stage trailer of claim 16, further comprising at least one accessory item selected from the group consisting of a guardrail, a railing, a stair, a canopy, and a modular stage component.

19. The mobile stage trailer of claim 16, wherein the lower deck has a plurality of tie-down structures adapted for securing cargo items thereto.

20. The mobile stage trailer of claim 16, wherein the upper and lower decks define a cargo space therebetween, and wherein the trailer further comprises a plurality of closure panels for enclosing the cargo space.

21. The mobile stage trailer of claim 16, wherein the chassis has a plurality of leveling jacks selectively operably engagable with the ground for supporting and leveling the stage trailer.

22. The mobile stage trailer of claim 16, wherein the chassis has a plurality of leveling indicators for determining whether the stage trailer is disposed in a level condition.

23. The mobile stage trailer of claim 16, wherein each wing deck has a plurality of selectively positionable support legs operably attached thereto.

24. The mobile stage trailer of claim 23, wherein each of the plurality of support legs includes means for adjusting the length of the support leg.
25. The mobile stage trailer of claim 16, further comprising means for attaching at least one modular stage component to the trailer.
26. The mobile stage trailer of claim 16, wherein the upper deck and each wing deck are at least partially covered with anti-slip material.
27. A mobile stage system comprising:
- a tow vehicle; and
 - a trailer including:
 - a chassis having a pair of ground engaging wheels, a first deck, and means for receiving and securing a plurality of accessory items, the chassis presenting a chassis width dimension;
 - means for selectively coupling the trailer with the tow vehicle; and
 - a pair of wing decks operably coupled with the chassis, each wing deck selectively shiftable between a first favored position proximate the first deck of the chassis wherein the first deck and the wing decks together present an upwardly directed surface for performances and a second favored position for towing wherein the trailer presents a towing width dimension, the towing width dimension being generally equal to or less than the chassis width dimension.

28. The mobile stage system of claim 27, wherein the tow vehicle is a light truck.
29. The mobile stage system of claim 27, wherein the means for receiving and securing a plurality of accessory items comprises a second deck disposed below and spaced apart from the first deck, the first and second decks defining a cargo space therebetween.
30. The mobile stage system of claim 29, wherein the second deck is at least partially covered with an anti-slip surface material.
31. The mobile stage system of claim 29, wherein the means for selectively coupling the trailer with the tow vehicle comprises a hitch assembly operably coupled to the chassis.
32. The mobile stage system of claim 31, wherein the hitch assembly is selectively operably positionable in a first extended position wherein the hitch assembly is projecting forwardly from the chassis and in a second retracted position wherein substantially all of the hitch assembly is disposed under the second deck of the chassis.
33. The mobile stage system of claim 27, wherein the plurality of accessory items includes at least one item selected from the group consisting of a guardrail, a railing, a stair, a canopy, a modular stage component, and a shell.
34. The mobile stage system of claim 27, wherein the first deck and the pair of wing decks are at least partially covered with an anti-slip surface material.